

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESEE

August 15, 2000

IN RE:

**GENERIC DOCKET TO ESTABLISH
UNE PRICES FOR LINE SHARING PER
FCC 99-355, AND RISER CABLE AND
TERMINATING WIRE AS ORDERED
IN TRA DOCKET 98-00123**

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DOCKET NO. 00-00544

**ORDER OPENING GENERIC DOCKET
AND APPOINTING A HEARING OFFICER**

This matter came before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority") at regularly scheduled Authority Conferences held on May 9, 2000 and July 11, 2000.

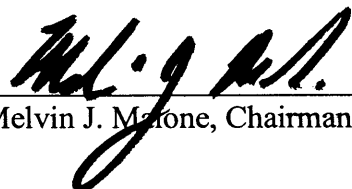
On May 9, 2000, the Directors voted unanimously to open a generic docket to establish:

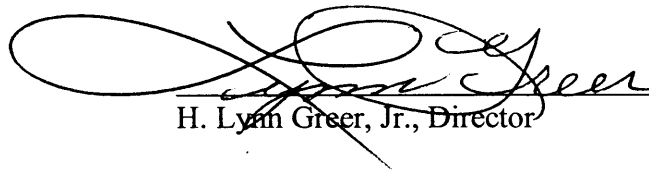
1) a permanent rate for the high frequency portion of the loop (line sharing) per Order 99-355 of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") and 2) a permanent rate for riser cable and the terminating wire portions of the local loop as per the Authority's Order in Docket No. 98-00123. At this same Conference, the Authority asked all interested parties to file cost studies, proposed permanent prices, and proposed terms and conditions for line sharing of the loop, the riser cable element, and the terminating wire element by June 30, 2000. The Authority further directed that the cost studies, prices, terms, and conditions were to be consistent with the cost methodology adopted by the Authority in Docket No. 97-01262 and the FCC's line sharing requirements. In addition, the Authority instructed all interested parties to file reply comments on the proposals by July 15, 2000.

At the July 11, 2000 Authority Conference, the Directors unanimously appointed Director H. Lynn Greer, Jr. to act as the Pre-Hearing Officer in this proceeding.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. A generic docket is hereby opened to establish UNE prices for the high frequency portion of the loop (line sharing) per FCC 99-355 and riser cable and terminating wire as ordered in TRA Docket No. 98- 00123;
2. The cost studies, proposed permanent prices, and proposed terms and conditions for line sharing of the loop, the riser cable element, and the terminating wire element shall be filed by June 30, 2000, with reply comments on the proposals filed by July 15, 2000;
3. Director H. Lynn Greer, Jr. is appointed Pre-Hearing Officer in this matter; and
4. Any party aggrieved with the Authority's decision in this matter may file a Petition for Reconsideration with the Authority within fifteen (15) days from the date of this Order.


Melvin J. Malone, Chairman


H. Lynn Greer, Jr., Director


Sara Kyle, Director

ATTEST:


K. David Waddell, Executive Secretary